

Bird Species Observed in Montana through October, 1996.

Notes: B = breeding records for MT
W = winter records for MT (species
present from 12/15 - 2/15)
Numbers indicate the number of
sightings reported (listed for species with
fewer than 20 sightings)

1	Red-throated Loon	9
2	Pacific Loon	6
3	Common Loon	B W
4	Yellow-billed Loon	2
5	Pied-billed Grebe	B W
6	Horned Grebe	B W
7	Red-necked Grebe	B W
8	Eared Grebe	B W
9	Western Grebe	B
10	Clark's Grebe	B
11	American White Pelican	B
12	Double-crested Cormorant	B
13	American Bittern	B
14	Least Bittern	4
15	Great Blue Heron	B W
16	Great Egret	B
17	Snowy Egret	B
18	Little Blue Heron	4
19	Cattle Egret	
20	Green Heron	11
21	Black-crowned Night-Heron	B
22	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	3
23	White-faced Ibis	B
24	Wood Stork	2
25	Tundra Swan	W
26	Trumpeter Swan	B W
27	Mute Swan	B W
28	Greater White-fronted Goose	
29	Snow Goose	
30	Ross' Goose	
31	Brant	7
32	Canada Goose	B W
33	Wood Duck	B W
34	Green-winged Teal	B W
35	American Black Duck	W
36	Mallard	B W
37	Northern Pintai	B W
38	Garganey	4
39	Blue-winged Teal	B
40	Cinnamon Teal	B W
41	Northern Shoveler	B W
42	Gadwall	B W
43	Eurasian Wigeon	
44	American Wigeon	B W
45	Canvasback	B W
46	Redhead	B W
47	Ring-necked Duck	B W
48	Tufted Duck	
49	Greater Scaup	19
50	Lesser Scaup	B W

51	Harlequin Duck	B W
52	Oldsquaw	W
53	Black Scoter	5
54	Surf Scoter	
55	White-winged Scoter	
56	Common Goldeneye	B W
57	Barrow's Goldeneye	B W
58	Bufflehead	B W
59	Hooded Merganser	B W
60	Common Merganser	B W
61	Red-breasted Merganser	W
62	Ruddy Duck	B W
63	Turkey Vulture	B
64	Osprey	B
65	Bald Eagle	B W
66	Northern Harrier	B W
67	Sharp-shinned Hawk	B W
68	Cooper's Hawk	B W
69	Northern Goshawk	B W
70	Red-shouldered Hawk	3
71	Broad-winged Hawk	
72	Swainson's Hawk	B
73	Red-tailed Hawk	B W
74	Ferruginous Hawk	B
75	Rough-legged Hawk	W
76	Golden Eagle	B W
77	American Kestrel	B W
78	Merlin	B W
79	Peregrine Falcon	B W
80	Gyr Falcon	W
81	Prairie Falcon	B W
82	Gray Partridge	B W
83	Chukar	B W
84	Ring-necked Pheasant	B W
85	Spruce Grouse	B W
86	Blue Grouse	B W
87	Willow Ptarmigan	1
88	White-tailed Ptarmigan	B W
89	Ruffed Grouse	B W
90	Sage Grouse	B W
91	Greater Prairie-Chicken	1
92	Sharp-tailed Grouse	B W
93	Wild Turkey	B W
94	Northern Bobwhite	9
95	Yellow Rail	7
96	Virginia Rail	B W
97	Sora	B
98	Common Moorhen	1
99	American Coot	B W
100	Sandhill Crane	B W
101	Whooping Crane	
102	Black-bellied Plover	
103	American Golden-Plover	
104	Snowy Plover	4
105	Semipalmated Plover	
106	Piping Plover	B
107	Killdeer	B W
108	Mountain Plover	B
109	Black-necked Stilt	B
110	American Avocet	B
111	Greater Yellowlegs	
112	Lesser Yellowlegs	
113	Solitary Sandpiper	
114	Willet	B

115	Spotted Sandpiper	B
116	Upland Sandpiper	B
117	Whimbrel	
118	Long-billed Curlew	B
119	Hudsonian Godwit	14
120	Marbled Godwit	B
121	Ruddy Turnstone	
122	Black Turnstone	1
123	Red Knot	
124	Sanderling	
125	Semipalmated Sandpiper	
126	Western Sandpiper	
127	Least Sandpiper	
128	White-rumped Sandpiper	16
129	Baird's Sandpiper	
130	Pectoral Sandpiper	
131	Dunlin	
132	Curlew Sandpiper	1
133	Stilt Sandpiper	
134	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	10
135	Short-billed Dowitcher	
136	Long-billed Dowitcher	
137	Common Snipe	B W
138	American Woodcock	2
139	Wilson's Phalarope	B
140	Red-necked Phalarope	
141	Red Phalarope	7
142	Pomarine Jaeger	5
143	Parasitic Jaeger	13
144	Long-tailed Jaeger	6
145	Laughing Gull	3
146	Franklin's Gull	B
147	Bonaparte's Gull	
148	Mew Gull	5
149	Ring-billed Gull	B W
150	California Gull	B W
151	Herring Gull	B W
152	Thayer's Gull	8
153	Iceland Gull	3
154	Glaucous Gull	14
155	Glaucous-winged Gull	5
156	Great Black-backed Gull	3
157	Black-legged Kittiwake	4
158	Sabine's Gull	13
159	Ivory Gull	1
160	Caspian Tern	B
161	Common Tern	B
162	Arctic Tern	1
163	Forster's Tern	B
164	Least Tern	B 18
165	Black Tern	B
166	Marbled Murrelet	1
167	Ancient Murrelet	6
168	Rock Dove	B W
169	Band-tailed Pigeon	19
170	White-winged Dove	1
171	Mourning Dove	B W
172	Black-billed Cuckoo	B
173	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
174	Barn Owl	B 13
175	Flammulated Owl	B
176	Eastern Screech-Owl	B W 18
177	Western Screech-Owl	B
178	Great Horned Owl	B W

179	Snowy Owl	W
180	Northern Hawk Owl	B 19
181	Northern Pygmy-Owl	B W
182	Burrowing Owl	B
183	Barred Owl	B W
184	Great Gray Owl	B W
185	Long-eared Owl	B W
186	Short-eared Owl	B W
187	Boreal Owl	B
188	Northern Saw-whet Owl	B W
189	Common Nighthawk	B
190	Common Poorwill	B
191	Whip-poor-will	1
192	Black Swift	B
193	Chimney Swift	B
194	Vaux's Swift	B
195	White-throated Swift	B
196	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B 8
197	Black-chinned Hummingbird	B
198	Anna's Hummingbird	W 8
199	Calliope Hummingbird	B
200	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	11
201	Rufous Hummingbird	B
202	Belted Kingfisher	B W
203	Lewis' Woodpecker	B W
204	Red-headed Woodpecker	B
205	Red-bellied Woodpecker	2
206	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3
207	Red-naped Sapsucker	B
208	Williamson's Sapsucker	B
209	Downy Woodpecker	B W
210	Hairy Woodpecker	B W
211	White-headed Woodpecker	6
212	Three-toed Woodpecker	B W
213	Black-backed Woodpecker	B W
214	Northern Flicker	B W
215	Pileated Woodpecker	B W
216	Olive-sided Flycatcher	B
217	Western Wood-Pewee	B
218	Eastern Wood-Pewee	4
219	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2
220	Alder Flycatcher	9
221	Willow Flycatcher	B
222	Least Flycatcher	B
223	Hammond's Flycatcher	B
224	Dusky Flycatcher	B
225	Cordilleran Flycatcher	B
226	Eastern Phoebe	6
227	Say's Phoebe	B
228	Ash-throated Flycatcher	9
229	Great Crested Flycatcher	2
230	Cassin's Kingbird	B
231	Western Kingbird	B
232	Eastern Kingbird	B
233	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	9
234	Horned Lark	B W
235	Purple Martin	19
236	Tree Swallow	B
237	Violet-green Swallow	B
238	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	B
239	Bank Swallow	B
240	Cliff Swallow	B
241	Barn Swallow	B
242	Gray Jay	B W

243	Steller's Jay	B	W	
244	Blue Jay	B	W	
245	Pinyon Jay	B	W	
246	Clark's Nutcracker	B	W	
247	Black-billed Magpie	B	W	
248	American Crow	B	W	
249	Common Raven	B	W	
250	Black-capped Chickadee	B	W	
251	Mountain Chickadee	B	W	
252	Boreal Chickadee	B	W	
253	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	B	W	
254	Red-breasted Nuthatch	B	W	
255	White-breasted Nuthatch	B	W	
256	Pygmy Nuthatch	B	W	
257	Brown Creeper	B	W	
258	Rock Wren	B		
259	Canyon Wren	B	W	
260	Bewick's Wren			2
261	House Wren	B		
262	Winter Wren	B	W	
263	Sedge Wren			6
264	Marsh Wren	B	W	
265	American Dipper	B	W	
266	Golden-crowned Kinglet	B	W	
267	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B	W	
268	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	B		4
269	Eastern Bluebird	B		
270	Western Bluebird	B		
271	Mountain Bluebird	B		
272	Townsend's Solitaire	B	W	
273	Veery	B		
274	Gray-cheeked Thrush			19
275	Swainson's Thrush	B		
276	Hermit Thrush	B		
277	Wood Thrush			5
278	American Robin	B	W	
279	Varied Thrush	B	W	
280	Gray Catbird	B		
281	Northern Mockingbird	B	W	
282	Sage Thrasher	B		
283	Brown Thrasher	B	W	
284	American Pipit	B	W	
285	Sprague's Pipit	B		
286	Bohemian Waxwing	B	W	
287	Cedar Waxwing	B	W	
288	Northern Shrike		W	
289	Loggerhead Shrike	B		
290	European Starling	B	W	
291	Bell's Vireo			
292	Solitary Vireo	B		
293	Warbling Vireo	B		
294	Philadelphia Vireo			5
295	Red-eyed Vireo	B		
296	Golden-winged Warbler			1
297	Tennessee Warbler	B		
298	Orange-crowned Warbler	B		
299	Nashville Warbler	B		
300	Northern Parula Warbler			5
301	Yellow Warbler	B		
302	Chestnut-sided Warbler			8
303	Magnolia Warbler			17
304	Cape May Warbler			8
305	Black-throated Blue Warbler			3
306	Yellow-rumped Warbler	B	W	

307	Black-throated Gray Warbler			4
308	Townsend's Warbler	B		
309	Black-throated Green Warbler			6
310	Blackburnian Warbler			7
311	Yellow-throated Warbler			1
312	Pine Warbler			4
313	Prairie Warbler			1
314	Palm Warbler			
315	Bay-breasted Warbler			6
316	Blackpoll Warbler			
317	Black-and-white Warbler	B		
318	American Redstart	B		
319	Prothonotary Warbler			1
320	Ovenbird	B		
321	Northern Waterthrush	B		
322	Kentucky Warbler			1
323	Connecticut Warbler			5
324	Mourning Warbler			6
325	MacGillivray's Warbler	B		
326	Common Yellowthroat	B		
327	Hooded Warbler			1
328	Wilson's Warbler	B		
329	Canada Warbler			6
330	Painted Redstart			1
331	Yellow-breasted Chat	B		
332	Summer Tanager			2
333	Scarlet Tanager			11
334	Western Tanager	B		
335	Northern Cardinal			
336	Rose-breasted Grosbeak			
337	Black-headed Grosbeak	B		
338	Blue Grosbeak			3
339	Lazuli Bunting	B		
340	Indigo Bunting			
341	Dickcissel	B		16
342	Green-tailed Towhee	B		
343	Spotted Towhee	B	W	
344	American Tree Sparrow		W	
345	Chipping Sparrow	B	W	
346	Clay-colored Sparrow	B		
347	Brewer's Sparrow	B		
348	Field Sparrow	B		
349	Vesper Sparrow	B		
350	Lark Sparrow	B		
351	Black-throated Sparrow			4
352	Sage Sparrow	B		10
353	Lark Bunting	B		
354	Savannah Sparrow	B		
355	Baird's Sparrow	B		
356	Grasshopper Sparrow	B		
357	Le Conte's Sparrow	B		
358	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	B		4
359	Fox Sparrow	B	W	
360	Song Sparrow	B	W	
361	Lincoln's Sparrow	B		
362	Swamp Sparrow			W 11
363	White-throated Sparrow			W
364	Golden-crowned Sparrow			8
365	White-crowned Sparrow	B	W	
366	Harris' Sparrow		W	
367	Dark-eyed Junco	B	W	
368	McCown's Longspur	B		
369	Lapland Longspur		W	
370	Smith's Longspur			4

371	Chestnut-collared Longspur	B		
372	Snow Bunting		W	
373	Bobolink	B		
374	Red-winged Blackbird	B	W	
375	Western Meadowlark	B	W	
376	Yellow-headed Blackbird	B	W	
377	Rusty Blackbird		W	
378	Brewer's Blackbird	B	W	
379	Great-tailed Grackle			1
380	Common Grackle	B	W	
381	Brown-headed Cowbird	B	W	
382	Orchard Oriole	B		
383	Hooded Oriole			1
384	Bullock's Oriole	B		
385	Baltimore Oriole			
386	Brambling		W	3
387	Black Rosy-Finch	B	W	
388	Grey-crowned Rosy-Finch	B	W	
389	Pine Grosbeak	B	W	
390	Purple Finch		W	
391	Cassin's Finch	B	W	
392	House Finch	B	W	
393	Red Crossbill	B	W	
394	White-winged Crossbill		W	
395	Common Redpoll		W	
396	Hoary Redpoll		W	
397	Pine Siskin	B	W	
398	Lesser Goldfinch			2
399	American Goldfinch	B	W	
400	Evening Grosbeak	B	W	
401	House Sparrow	B	W	

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